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NEWFOUNDLAND 'MOURNS'

Girl Dies Four Days After Crash

Linda Henly, 17, Victoria girl critically injured Sunday night in a crash on the Malahat, died about 3.15 p.m. yesterday at St. Joseph's Hospital.

She never regained consciousness after the accident.

Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner, said last night no decision had been made about an inquest.

This was the second traffic fatality in the Victoria district this year.

Linda was one of six young people driving in a 1948 car which went out of control near Tunnel Hill on the Malahat Sunday about 11 p.m. The car struck a rock wall, then flipped over on its top in the centre of the highway.

While rushing Linda and two others to hospital, a Langford ambulance was involved in a second accident in Victoria. In this the oxygen line feeding the unconscious girl was severed, but the ambulance was able to go on to the hospital.

Others in the car were: Francis Gilbert, 19, of 1250 Palmer, the driver, treated that night for minor injuries and sent home; William Champion, 18, of 31 Wellington, since discharged from hospital; Dorothy Leard, 17, of 1502 Gladstone; James McMaster, 17, of 1128 Leonard, and Bruce Whitten, 17, of 53 Wellington, all still in St. Joseph's Hospital but in good condition.

Linda was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Henly, 1722 Bay. Her father has been a bus driver for the B.C. Electric for some years. Besides her parents, she is survived by a twin sister, Marcia.

Linda and Marcia were born in Victoria, and educated at St. Ann's Academy, where Linda was in her final year. She was a member of the Catholic Youth Organization, and took what her family called "normal interest" in all youth activities.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Hayward's funeral home.

Tibetans Declare Freedom

LONDON (UPI)—Tibet has declared itself independent of Communist Chinese control, the Times of London reported yesterday.

In a dispatch from Kalimpong, the Times said the Kashag, or Supreme Tibetan cabinet unanimously denounced a 17-point treaty with China on the grounds of persistant violations by the Chinese.

Tibet signed the agreement on May 23, 1951, accepting Chinese suzerainty over its territory. The agreement followed a Communist Chinese military invasion of eastern Tibet in October, 1950.

The Times correspondent said the declaration of independence came a week ago. He quoted "circumstantial reports" reaching Kalimpong, on the Indian-Tibetan border, as the source of his information.

His report said the declaration of the Kashag proclaiming Tibet independent called on the Chinese occupation forces to withdraw.

"Since the moment of this desperate and monumental gesture, the whereabouts of the Dalai Lama has been unknown," the Times said.

Fighting between Tibetans and Chinese has subsided around Tibet's mountain-top capital of Lhasa, but the struggle against Red rule has spread to other parts of the country.

Well-armed Communist Chinese troops put down a two-week uprising in Lhasa, the reports said, but the Tibetans have not submitted to any ceasefire.

Chiang Ready To Aid Tibet

TAIPEI (UPI) — President Chiang Kai-Shek said today he would lead his Nationalist Chinese forces against the Communists if the Tibetan rebels carry on their fight.

Aerial View of New College Lands

The 62-acre Camp Gordon Head site, including 22 buildings and open land, together with 57½ acres over Finnerty Road, right, have been bought for $115,500 by Victoria College Council. This aerial view of the camp site was taken by Colonist photographer Jim Ryan from a Vancouver Island Helicopters Ltd. aircraft.

Travel Booked Solid

Last-minute planners who want to leave the Island for Easter may be in for a struggle.

A CPR official said yesterday all car space on Nanaimo-Vancouver ferries is already reserved, and there were then only a few spaces available on Victoria-Vancouver ships.

Black Ball ferries from Departure Bay will be on a "first come, first served" basis and are bracing for bumper-to-bumper trade.

Trans-Canada Air Lines spokesmen said there are a few seats left on late-evening flights but all others are completely booked.

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University Expands At Cost of $115,500

Victoria College Council is buying the 62-acre Camp Gordon Head site and buildings, and 57½ acres adjacent for $115,500—$100,000 for the land and $15,500 for the buildings. (See Page 5.)

The purchase includes 62 acres of land with camp buildings intact, and 57.6 acres of land across Finnerty Road from the buildings.

The two purchases will give the college a total of 168.6 acres of land, sufficient for any future expansion of the college as a university.

YEAR'S EFFORT

Announcement of the purchase came after 12 months of negotiations between Victoria College officials and Defence Minister George Pearkes.

Relatively little of the new land will be used immediately for college activities. A spokesman for the college suggested last night that the unused part of the land would be thrown open for public use until it is needed.

Some 22 buildings, including a drill-hall, are included in the $15,000 purchase price — the "wrecking value" of the buildings.

HUT CONVERSION

One of the huts will be converted for use as a field house with showers and lockers and the drill hall will be made into a gymnasium for the college's teacher-training program.

Purchase price of the land and buildings will be paid from existing funds. The purchase will not affect the $1,500,000 fund drive planned by the college for 1960.

Purchase price of the land across Finnerty Road, adjacent to the actual camp site, is $28,000. It is owned by the department of transport and Victoria city council held first option to buy the land at that price. The council relinquished the right in favor of the college.

SUMMER USE

Initial use of the camp site by the college is expected by the summer.

Approval of the transfer of the land to the college is expected within weeks. When the formalities are completed the provincial government will hold title to the property as it does to the present campus at Lansdowne and Richmond.

Announcement of the purchase drew enthusiastic comment from provincial government ministers and college officials.

Education Minister Leslie Peterson commended the college council for its foresight in buying the land.

VERY PLEASED

"I am personally very pleased to know that they have been able to purchase that property," he said. "It will certainly solve the problems for Victoria College for many years to come so far as land is concerned."

Works Minister W. N. Chant: "It is seldom in a lifetime that there is experienced the thrill and satisfaction of hearing such good news.

"This is welcome news for parents, particularly in the Greater Victoria area. It will mean considerable savings to them when their children can continue their studies and remain at home."

FUTURE BUILDING

Judge J. B. Clearihue, chairman of the college council: "We are getting it for the future building up of a university. This will give us about 169 acres, enough for any university."

Dr. Harry Hickman, college principal: "It is a great satisfaction to know that the property is being acquired at a time when the college is planning to offer third and fourth-year courses this September.

Hunt for Wife Goes On

Skier's Body Uncovered

BRALORNE, B.C. (CP)—Rescue workers late Wednesday afternoon uncovered the body of a German immigrant who was buried under tons of snow when an avalanche thundered down a remote mountain pass near here Tuesday.

The body of Helmut Weinhold, 31, was found by a rescue party, 16 hours after it began probing the mass of snow with long aluminum poles.

The search for his wife, Christa, 26, was continued in hopes she may yet be alive in an air pocket. Police said some persons have been known to survive in such pockets under an avalanche for eight days.

The tragedy occurred at McGillivray Pass, 15 miles from here and 110 miles northwest of Vancouver.

Questions Coming On Bribes

TORONTO (UPI) — Ontario Attorney General Kelso Roberts said Wednesday he wanted to question two Toronto metropolitan councillors who said they have been offered bribes in return for favors.

Reeve Marie Curtis of suburban Long Branch and Ald. Phillip Gibbens said such bribe attempts are "common practice."

Reeve Curtis said she rejected two offers recently totalling $13,000 to use her council offices "to do favors."

Roberts made this comment: "If the two councillors have had bribes offered them, we would be most interested in talking to them."

Red Air Link Announced

LONDON (UPI) — Great Britain yesterday announced plans to become the seventh western European nation to establish a direct air link with the Soviet Union.

15-Day Sentences In 58-Cent Theft

BURNABY, B.C. (CP)—Two teen-aged youths began a 15-day term at Oakalla prison farm Tuesday for shoplifting two packets of cigarets valued at 58 cents.

Don Dragan, 18, and Klaus David, 19, were caught by a supermarket manager Monday and held for police.

They pleaded guilty to the theft charge and were fined $50 or in default 15 days in jail. The youths said they had no money and would serve the sentence.

RCMP said the youths had no previous record. Their parents said they had not known of the arrest or committal to Oakalla until advised by a newspaper reporter. The two had left home Monday seeking work.

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'Hot' Flour On Increase

OTTAWA (CP) — The amount of deadly radio-active Strontium-90 found in Canadian flour has increased from virtually zero in 1945 to as high as 22 units during the last year, although the level is still far from dangerous, Health Minister Monteith reported Wednesday.

Ottawa Grants Prove Shock

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (UPI)—Premier Joseph Smallwood last night ordered an official day of mourning today throughout Newfoundland as a protest against Ottawa's intention not to make an annual grant of $8,000,000 a year to the province after 1961-62 as suggested by the royal commission which investigated the financial terms of Newfoundland's union with Canada. (See Pages 10, 11.)

Prime Minister Diefenbaker told the House of Commons yesterday that Ottawa will give the province $36,500,000 over a five-year period, but does not propose to make the $8,000,000-a-year grant after 1961-62.

DRAPED IN BLACK

"To mark Mr. Diefenbaker's betrayal of Newfoundland and of Canada's honor, Newfoundland goes into official mourning and all public buildings will be draped in black," Mr. Smallwood announced.

The outspoken premier said Newfoundlanders "are stung by the Canadian government's betrayal of Newfoundland."

He said Mr. Diefenbaker's statement had plunged the island province into mourning for "another Canadian obligation outraged by Mr. Diefenbaker."

THREE BETRAYALS

The premier charged that the federal government has betrayed the province in three matters in as many months. He cited the failure of the federal government to fill a three-month-old vacancy in the Supreme Court and Ottawa's refusal to supply additional RCMP to deal with the labor unrest resulting from the loggers' strike.

"And now, the greatest betrayal of all," added the premier.

ANNIVERSARY

"Newfoundland is within days of reaching the 10th anniversary of her union with Canada. What should have been a joyous occasion for us all is turned by Mr. Diefenbaker into one of mourning amongst Newfoundlanders."

Mr. Diefenbaker had nothing to say about Mr. Smallwood's remarks.

Giving the province the $36,500,000 over a period of five years was a violation of Article 29 of the British North America Act. It was a further violation to put a time limit on the payments, Mr. Smallwood said.

He said Newfoundland's representative in the federal cabinet should resign.

Opposition Leader Pearson said the assumption that no federal obligation will exist after 1962 is "quite unwarranted."

Tired 59ers In Alaska At Last

SCOTTIE CREEK, Alaska (AP)—The Michigan 59ers caravan crossed the Canadian border into Alaska Wednesday.

The first vehicle in the caravan crossed the imaginary line that separates Scottie Creek, Alaska, from Border City, Yukon, at 5.30 p.m. PST.

The sun was shining brightly and the temperature was a brisk 26 degrees. Tears flowed freely down weary faces broken by thankful smiles.

The 59ers, a group of 39 men, women and children from the Detroit area, plan to homestead on the Kenai peninsula, southwest of Anchorage.

Mrs. Marino Sik, clutching her nine-month-old daughter, spoke for all when she said: "We're in Alaska at last."

A tremendous welcome in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, is planned for the 59ers when they arrive Friday.

Four-in-One Vaccine Approved

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The U.S. government will put its stamp of approval today on a newly-developed vaccine providing protection against polio, diptheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

The new vaccine will add anti-polio serum to an already-developed single shot against the other three diseases which has been in use for some time.

An official of the U.S. public health service said the government has licensed two pharmaceutical firms to produce the new four-in-one vaccine.

Tax Evasion Costs Hotel Firm $22,000

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP)—Fines totalling $22,000 were levied against a hotel firm and three of its directors here Wednesday. Counsel for the defendants entered pleas of guilty.

McDonald Hotel Co. Ltd. was fined $10,000 for making false income tax returns from 1952 to 1957; Lawrence Shatsky and David Levine, company directors, were each fined $4,800 for acquiescing in income tax evasion from 1952 to 1957, and a third director, Moses Levine, was fined $2,400 on a charge of acquiescing from 1952 to 1954.

Magistrate P. J. Moran said total income concealed was $150,000 and said the defendants sought to evade $70,000 in taxes.

He said the taxes have been since paid.

Ontario Drops Charges Against Indian Chiefs

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)—Twenty-one charges laid against 20 Indians after the RCMP deposed hereditary chiefs at the Six Nations Indian Reserve were dismissed Wednesday on instruction of Attorney-General Roberts.

Charges against the 20, some of the hereditary chiefs and their followers, included kidnapping, impersonating police officers and obstructing police.